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REF: A) TRIPOLI 1142 B) TRIPOLI 1145

1. LIBYAN CHARGE GASHUT MET WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 9 TO PRESENT ESSENTIALLY SAME MESSAGE AS THAT GIVEN EMBASSY BY TRAYKI (REF A). WHILE HE ASKED FOR US INTERVENTION WITH OCCIDENTAL ON PAYMENT QUESTION, AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE LARG WILL NOT AGREE TO ARBITRATION UNTIL MONEY HAS BEEN PAYED, GASHUT'S CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESENTATION DID NOT INCLUDE THREATS THAT LIBYANS MIGHT BE

FORCED TO QUOTE TAKE ACTIONS THAT THEY WOULD RATHER NOT TAKE UNQUOTE.

- 2. MR. SAUNDERS RESPONDED THAT USG CONCERNS IN THIS MATTER ARE TWO: (1) THAT A SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE BE REACHED FAIRLY BY NEGOTIATION OR ARBITRATION AND (2) THAT THE LIBYAN POLICY OF NOT RESTRICTING THE DEPARTURE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS BE SCRUPULOUSLY CARRIED OUT, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS THE DEPENDENTS OF OCCIDENTAL EMPLOYEES.
- 3. ANY FURTHER EMBASSY DISCUSSION WITH THE LIBYANS SHOULD FOLLOW SAME LINES AS COMMENTS IN PARAGRAPH TWO. KISSINGER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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